



IDAHO BIRDING TRAIL

Southeast Region

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44 Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area /Chester Wetlands

2885 N River Rd., St. Anthony • (208) 624-7065
idfg.idaho.gov/wma/sand-creek



eBird ebird.org/hotspot/L1145057
ebird.org/hotspot/L1178245

LAT/LONG: 44.212814, -111.618024
 44.003514, -111.602484
 44.0185621, -111.5833014
 44.0674836, -111.5599823

DIRECTIONS: *WMA HQ and CHESTER WETLANDS*
SEGMENT: *from St. Anthony, US Bus. 20 E from the N edge of town 1.5 mi; L (N) on Sand Ck Rd, just before crossing the Del Rio Bridge; go ~1.5 mi and then veer R onto N River Rd to reach WMA HQ and wetlands; park in parking area; SAND CK PONDS: backtrack to Sand Ck Rd; zero odometer; R (N) on Sand Ck Rd; zero odometer; enter public land at mi 9.4; mi 18 is beginning of the ponds. WHITE SANDS RD: backtrack S from pond on Sand Ck Rd ~4.5 mi; turn SW off Sand Ck Rd and bird White Sands Rd 10.8 mi; L (S) on Red Rd; L (E) on N Parker Rd (W 4th N) to return to St. Anthony.*

Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse and Greater Sage-Grouse reside on the WMA and spring finds these birds congregating on traditional breeding areas (leks), with males engaging in animated displays to both intimidate rivals and woo hens. In the northern part, Dusky and Ruffed Grouse find breeding and nesting sites among the cover and shadows of forested habitats. The ponds at Sand Creek attract a wide variety of waterfowl and shorebirds including Common Loon, Western Grebe, Trumpeter Swan, Snowy Egret, Sandhill Crane, Willet, and Long-billed Curlew.

